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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action of June 30, 2009. Please note the following:

Amendments to the specification: None.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6.